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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (Tedd, KB8NW)

My family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, son Teddy [TJ] and his wife Jessi, daughter Katie) and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very **"Happy New Year"**. Thanks to the many individuals who have provided DX information over the past year. Without them there would not be an OPDX Bulletin. Also, thanks to the individuals who sent holiday wishes to my family and me.....
73 and Have a Great/Safe/Health New Year de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 24th/December, through Sunday, 31st/December there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, VU7, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YU6, YV, Z2, Z3, Z7, ZA, ZB,ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

1A4, SMOM (Reminder/Update)

Just a reminder that the Amateur Radio Station of S.M.O.M. (Sovereign Military Order of Malta) will be active this week with a new prefix. Look for 1A4A to be active between January 2-8th. The operators will be Giorgio/IZ4AKS, Cortesi/IZ4DPV, Fabio/I4UFH, Gabriele/IK4UPB and Luca/IW0DJB (HV5PUL). Activity will be on 160-2 meters, SSB/ CW/RTTY mode. Three stations will be active at same time, especially looking for DX areas such as Japan, South America and West Coast. Emphasis will be on the low bands. An interesting activities chart is available on the Web at:

http://www.1a4a.org/mappe/pagine/1a4a_activity_planning.html

It was also announced this past week that "Due to numerous requests of MS activity", the team is arranging a 2 meter station for WSJT. Activity will start on January 6th through the 7th. More details will be announced later so please check their web site for more news. Also, for sked requests for this meteor scatter (MS) activity, send a message to: ms@1a4a.org QSL Manager is IZ4DPV. For updated information and details about the DXpedition and "The Order Of Malta", please visit the following Web pages:

http://www.1a4a.org
http://www.orderofmalta.org

3W/XV, VIETNAM

Champ, E21EIC, is expected to be in Hanoi December 31st and stay until January 7th. Watch the bands.... You never know.

3Y9, ANTARCTICA

Dag, LA9SDA, from Tromso, northern Norway, is now active as 3Y9SDA from the Troll Station in the Antarctica. His activity will last until sometime in January 2007. Operations will be mostly on 20 meters, SSB and PSK.

5H, TANZANIA

Vlad, UA4WHX, is currently active as 5H3VMB/5 from the Lindi/MTWARA Region Group (**AF-074**). This is a rare IOTA and as usual, the length of stay is not known. He has been active on 80/40/30/20 meters CW, and on Sunday he was on 17 meters SSB. QSL via UA4WHX, direct or by the bureau.

6W, SENEGAL

Giovanni, IZ2DPX, informs OPDX that he will be active in the month of May. Callsign and specific dates are forthcoming. Activity will be on 160/80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters. He will use a Kenwood TS-870 with 3 element monobands for 20, 15 and 10 meters, and a Titanex for the low bands. Giovanni will continue his African tour after this operation and head to the Island of Santiago and the city Praia. More later.

9N, NEPAL

Stig, LA7JO, Regional Telecoms Officer for the UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA), continues to be very active from Kathmandu as 9N7JO. He has been active on 80/40/30/12 meters CW as well as 20/17/15 meters PSK. A few reports indicate that he will be

"active from Nepal 'on and off' at various periods during 2007." Look for activity to be on SSB/CW/RTTY on 160-12 meters. QSL direct to: Stig Lindblom, Jum Changphimai, 147/1 Moo 3, Tambon Boot, Ban Ta Bong, Phimai, TH-30110 Nakhon Ratchashima, Thailand.

AAW NEWS

The French EUCW Society and the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT) will be active during the "4th Antarctic Activity Week" (AAW) as TM5TAF from February 12-25th. The WAP reference issued is WAP-79. Operators will include Norbert/F6AXX, Patrick/F5MQW, Michel/F6DKV, Pierre/F6FXS and Bernard/F5HEW. Activity will be on HF and CW only. QSL via F6AXX, either direct (SAE+IRC/2007) or by the French REF Bureau (Please only this bureau).

ARRL NEWS

Your editor received the following surprising E-mail from ARRL Membership Services Manager **Wayne Mills, N7NG**, late Saturday afternoon, December 30th:

> "On Thursday, December 14, 2006, much to my regret, I delivered a letter of resignation to David Sumner, K1ZZ. Such an early departure had not been my plan but had become necessary. On Friday, in a meeting with Dave and Mr. Harold Kramer, ARRL Chief Operating Officer (COO), I made it clear, when asked, that my resignation was in no way a retirement. I also conveyed that it did not indicate any fundamental differences with ARRL outside of the jurisdiction of Mr. Kramer. I offered them the opportunity to release information about my resignation, but Mr. Kramer could send only a terse two-line message, and then only to the HQ Staff and the closed reflector of the ARRL Officers, Directors and Vice Directors, hence this message.
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> All in all, it's been a fun six and one-half years. The League has been a great place to work, and I'd do all but the last 22 months over again. I thank all of you around the World for your great support. In particular, I offer special thanks to our volunteers - advisory committee members, log checkers and advisors. I also urge all of you to support the ARRL financially. Be sure to tell them what you want, though - they don't always ask. I hope to regenerate an active interest in Ham Radio back in Wyoming. Maybe there'll be another DXpedition or two as well, and look for N7NG - Jackson Hole - to be an active Wyoming contributor to LoTW as long as it's in business.
> ..... 73, Wayne, N7NG Jackson Hole, Wyoming"

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS

Members of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA) will be active as DX0JP from the Kalayaan Island Group (AS-051), Philippines, February 1-14th. Activity will be on 160-2 meters with a special emphasis on the low bands. Operations will also be on EME on 2 and 6 meters. QSL via JA1HGY. Look for more info to appear nearer to the date on the PARA Web page at:

http://www.para.org.ph/news

EI100, IRELAND (Special Event)

To celebrate the centenary of World Scouting in 2007 and the 100th anniversary (in 2008) for

Scouting in Ireland, look for the following special event stations to be on the air: EI100S (Echo India One Hundred Sierra) and EI100SI (Echo India One hundred Sierra India). Scout Groups wishing to use these callsigns should apply/contact Sean, EI3IP, by E-mail at: **jota@scouts.ie**

FM, MARTINIQUE

Eric, F5LOW, will be active as FM/F5LOW/p from Saint Pierre, Martinique (NA-107, also count for WLOTA LH-1041), January 17-26th. This will be a holiday style operation, but look for him on all HF bands on SSB and PSK. He will use an Icom IC-706 and a vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

GJ2/MJ0, JERSEY

Rich, K2WR, will be active as MJ0AWR beginning January 23rd. His activity will include a Single-Op/High-Power entry in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 27-28th) as GJ2A. QSL via K2WR (also direct for non-USA to GJ3DVC).

IOTA NEWS

NA-168. Look for Dennis, WA2USA, to be active as WA2USA/5 from **Grand Isle** (USI LA-003S, Jefferson County, Louisiana) between February 8-19th. He plans to be active before the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 17-18th) on 80-20 meters CW/SSB. However, he will be active during the contest on all bands 80-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

OC-133. Saty, JE1JKL, will be active as 9M6NA from **Labuan Island**, East Malaysia, January 4-7th. Activity will be on 80m and 160m. Sunrise/Sunset: 2230z/1010z. QSL via JE1JKL. E-mail requests for Bureau return are welcome at: **9m6na@jsfc.org** Visit the Web page at:

http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html

OC-244. (Update) Francisco, CT1EAT, will be active as DU1/CT1EAT from **Romblon Island**, January 1-17th. His activity will be limited because he is on holiday. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW only. More info is available at the following two Web pages:

http://www.qsl.net/ct1eat
http://ct1eat.no.sapo.pt (direct link)

SA-018. Operators CE6AMN, XQ3SA, CE6UZL, CE6UFF, CE6UFY, CE3HDI and LU1EJ will activate **Corona Lighthouse** (ARHLS CHI 013) and **Chiloe Island** as XR7C between January 29th and February 5th. Activity will be CW and SSB.

JT, MONGOLIA

Ken, K4ZW, will be active as JT1/K4ZW from January 15-25th. Activity will place an emphasis on the lowbands and in particular 160 meters. QSL go to K4ZW.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

John, K3MD, will be active as KP2/K3MD from February 13-20th. His activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 17-18th). QSL via K3MD. John will be a portable operation from the north shore of St. John's for a few days before the contest using a vertical and 100w.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2007

The South Jersey DX Association has announced the following officers for 2007. They are:

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President:        Bob Schenck, N2OO
Vice President:   Bob Tomkovich, K2RET
Secretary:        Arnie Oberson, W2OB
Treasurer:        Bob Pantazes, W2ARP
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OH5, FINLAND

Look for a team of operators (not provided) to be active as OH5Z in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 27-28th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via the Bureau.

PIRATE ALERT

Champ, E21EIC, informs that activity by a station signing HS0/UX2IO (Op Ron) was not legal. Thailand no longer issues HS0/callsigns. The only 2 legal stations are HS0/EA4BKA and HS0/IK4MRH (**AS-053**).

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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GS0ADX via GM0ADX                M0BUL via MM0BHX
IW0GVG direct or eQSL            YR0UE via YO3KAA
J79DI via F1BCS
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Osten, SM5DQC, informs that he is now the QSL Manager for **9Q1EK and 9Q1TB**, and has the logs up to December 27th, 2006. He mentions that the QSLs will be colored pictures (different cards for the two stations). However, it will take some time before he gets them from the printer. PLEASE NOTE: Osten states, "I will only answer DIRECT QSLs with SAE and postage, 2 USDs or one 'new type' IRC. If anything more is included to cover printing costs it's appreciated but of course that is voluntary." If you need/want a "log check", please E-mail Osten at: **sm5dqc@areteadsl.se**

QSL MANAGER F6FNU. It is being reported on **http://www.qslinfo.de** by F5CWU that "Antoine, F6FNU, has stopped ALL his management activity !!!!" It is suggested not to send any cards to his address or through the bureau.

QSL Manager Vasilij, **RW6HS**, reminds OPDX readers to only QSL direct to him and not to the SSR and Tambov QSL Bureaus. He states the cards will never get to him. See **OPDX.784** for the list of stations and details on how to send for cards that he is manager for, or visit his Web page at:

http://www.rw6hs.narod.ru

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Kwajalein Atoll, OC-028)

Just a reminder that Neil, WD8CRT, will once again be active as V73NS after January 4th and remain there for at least two years on the Island of Roi-Namur. Activity will be mostly CW on 160-6 meters. QSL by the Bureau or direct to: Neil Schwanitz, Box 8341, APO, AP 96557 (USA). QSLs for his 2003 to 2005 QSOs are "OK" to the same address. Visit his Web site at:

http://www.qsl.net/v73ns

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND (Update)

Members of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC) will once again be on tour. Look for operators Markus/DJ7EO, Heye/DJ9RR, Christian/DL1MGB, Dietmar/DL3DXX, Tom/DL5LYM and Dieter/DL8OH to be active as VK9DNX from Norfolk Island (**OC-005**) between February 15th and March 3rd, 2007. Activity is planned for 160-10 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY, with a focus on the lower bands. QSL Manager is Mario, DJ2MX. More information is expected to be available on the DXpedition's Web site at:

http://www.df3cb.com/vk9n

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS (VU2LD News)

The VU7LD activity went QRT at 1300z on Dec 27th. Reports indicate that the team made about 56,700 QSOs during their operation.

The following press release is from the VU7LD Web site dated December 27th (edited):
"VU7LD PRESS RELEASE - 12: After 27 days of operation, VU7LD went QRT at 1300z on Dec 27th. Stations are being dismantled and operators will be off the island in a couple of days.
We thank the entire Amateur radio community for their support and enthusiasm for this DXpedition as well as the people of Kavaratti who have been extremely helpful to the entire team.
We hope our efforts at raising awareness of Amateur Radio in the region will pay off, with hopefully a club station and a few permanent operators on the island.....
73, de Gopal VU2GMN"

Online logs are currently available for the entire period of the DXpedition between the period of December 1st and 1300z, December 27th, at the following URL address: http://www.arsi.info/vu7/onlinelog.shtml If you do not find your callsign in the log and believe you have had a valid QSO please send an E-mail with your detailed log entry including the VU7LD/Operator you worked to: **vu7ld@arsi.info** They will do their best to verify if a mistake was made while entering the log. Remember that all direct QSLs go via W3HNK and not the operators of the operation. Some of the operators have been receiving cards directly and these will be dealt with by ARSI and not directly by the ops themselves. QSL via the Bureau is "OK". Any QSL cards received via any IARU recognized QSL Bureau will be answered via their QSL Bureau. For more details and updates, the ARSI Web page is available at:

http://www.arsi.info/vu7/

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS (VU2RG News)

The countdown begins for the second VU7 operation. Activity should begin in about two weeks. For up-to-date details, visit the VU7RG Web page at:

http://www.vu7.in/

It was announced this past week that a "**Limited Edition QSL**" will be issued as a special "thank you" for those valuable supporters. The individual donators will get their QSL card (limited edition) already shipped from the islands (airmail letter) if they make contact (and can be found in the log)!

It was announced that Toshikazu Kusano, JA1ELY, has joined the team of pilots for the VU7RG operation. They now have 3 pilots. One for each of the IARU zone. They are as follows:
IARU Region 1: Klaus Wagner/DL1XX (Europe, Africa, Middle East and Northern Asia)
IARU Region 2: Donald Greenbaum/N1DG (The Americas)
IARU Region 3: Toshikazu Kusano/JA1ELY (Asia-Pacific)

(Their E-mail addresses will be received soon.)

UPDATE: Dov, 4Z4DX/M0DOV, who plans to be active from VU7RG on 160m, 80m and RTTY on 17m from January 18-25th, informs OPDX that YT1AD, VA7DX, A61M and himself still have not received their licenses/papers yet. He hopes they will get them soon, as they were promised. Dov states that he has only received a few skeds for the operation. SKEDS ARE WELCOME BEFORE JANUARY 15th via: **4z4dx@iarc.org**

WP3, PUERTO RICO

Alfredo, WP3C, will be active in both the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 10-11th) and ARRL DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. His activity will also count for the WLOTA as LH-2802. QSL via W3HNK.

XT, BURKINA FASO (Update)

The F6KOP ARS of Provins group will be gathering this week in Paris before heading to Burkina Faso for their XT2C operation, January 6-20th. John, F5VHQ, who was a member of the past F6KOP's DX- peditions (5H, 5V, TO7C), will join the group in Ouagadougou, the second week of the DXpedition, January 15-20th. He was issued XT2HQ as a personal callsign. Operators F4AJQ (leader), F9IE, F2VX, OE8KDK, N2WB and N6OX will depart for XT-land from Charles de Gaulle airport the morning of January 6th. The first signals are expected in the evening. Visit the XT2C Web page at:

http://xt2c.free.fr/

YR0, ROMANIA

On January 1st, 2007, Romania will become a full member of the European Union, and to commemorate this event, look for members of the Romania Federation of Radio Amateurs to be on the air with the special event callsign YR0UE between December 25th and January 10th. Please QSL (preferably) via the YO QSL Bureau (see **(QRZ.com)**) to YO3KAA.

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER ****

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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kb8nw@arrl.net

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